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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
DIVISION

SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT, a
Delaware general partnership; WARNER BROS.
RECORDS INC., a Delaware corporation;
INTERSCOPE RECORDS, a California general
partnership; and UMG RECORDINGS, INC., a
Delaware corporation,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MICHELLE VELASQUEZ,

Defendant.

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief for copyright infringement under the copyright laws of the United States (17 U.S.C. §101 *et seq.*).

2. This Court has jurisdiction under 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*; 28 U.S.C. §1331 (federal question); and 28 U.S.C. §1338(a) (copyright).

3. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant, Michelle Velasquez, and venue in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c) and 28 U.S.C. § 1400, because, on information and belief, the Defendant resides in this District and/or a substantial part of the acts of infringement complained of herein occurred in this District.

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT is a Delaware general partnership, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

5. Plaintiff Warner Bros. Records Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of California.

6. Plaintiff Interscope Records is a California general partnership, with its principal place of business in the State of California.

7. Plaintiff UMG Recordings, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of California.

8. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Defendant is an individual who currently resides in San Jose, California, within this District. Upon information and belief, the infringement complained of herein occurred in Davis, California.

COUNT I

INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHTS

9. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.

10. Plaintiffs are, and at all relevant times have been, the copyright owners or licensees of exclusive rights under United States copyright law with respect to certain copyrighted sound

1 recordings, including but not limited to, all of the copyrighted sound recordings on Exhibit A to this
2 Complaint (collectively, these copyrighted sound recordings shall be identified as the "Copyrighted
3 Recordings"). Each of the Copyrighted Recordings is the subject of a valid Certificate of Copyright
4 Registration issued by the Register of Copyrights, for which the Plaintiffs are the owners as specified
5 on Exhibit A.

6 11. Among the exclusive rights granted to each Plaintiff under the Copyright Act are the
7 exclusive rights to reproduce the Copyrighted Recordings and to distribute the Copyrighted
8 Recordings to the public.

9 12. Much of the unlawful distribution of copyrighted sound recordings over the Internet
10 occurs via "peer-to-peer" ("P2P") file copying networks or so-called online media distribution
11 systems. P2P networks, at least in their most popular form, refer to computer systems or processes
12 that enable Internet users to search for files (including audio recordings) stored on other users'
13 computers and transfer exact copies of files from one computer to another via the Internet, which can
14 include both downloading an exact copy of that file onto the user's own computer and distributing an
15 exact copy of that file to other Internet users on the same P2P network. P2P networks enable users
16 who otherwise would have no connection with, or knowledge of, each other to provide a
17 sophisticated search mechanism by which users can locate these files for downloading and to
18 reproduce and distribute files off of their personal computers.

19 13. Users of P2P networks who distribute files over a network can be identified by using
20 Internet Protocol ("IP") addresses because the unique IP address of the computer offering the files
21 for distribution can be captured by another user during a search or a file transfer. Users of P2P
22 networks can be identified by their IP addresses because each computer or network device (such as a
23 router) that connects to a P2P network must have a unique IP address within the Internet to deliver
24 files from one computer or network device to another. Two computers cannot effectively function if
25 they are connected to the Internet with the same IP address at the same time.

26 14. Plaintiffs identified an individual using LimeWire on the P2P network Gnutella at IP
27 address 128.120.59.44 on April 23, 2007 at 18:44:51 EDT distributing 922 audio files over the
28 Internet. The Defendant was identified as the individual responsible for that IP address at that date

1 and time. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that as of April 23, 2007, Defendant, without the
2 permission or consent of Plaintiffs, had continuously used, and continued to use, a P2P network to
3 download and/or distribute to the public the Copyrighted Recordings. Exhibit A identifies the date
4 and time of capture and a list of Copyrighted Recordings that Defendant has, without the permission
5 or consent of Plaintiffs, downloaded and/or distributed to the public. Through Defendant's
6 continuous and ongoing acts of downloading and/or distributing to the public the Copyrighted
7 Recordings, which acts Plaintiffs believe to have been ongoing for some time, Defendant has
8 violated Plaintiffs' exclusive rights of reproduction and distribution. Defendant's actions constitute
9 infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and exclusive rights under copyright.

10 15. In addition to the sound recordings listed on Exhibit A, Plaintiffs are informed and
11 believe that Defendant has, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, continuously downloaded
12 and/or distributed to the public additional sound recordings owned by or exclusively licensed to
13 Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' affiliate record labels, and Plaintiffs believe that such acts of infringement are
14 ongoing.

15 16. Plaintiffs have placed proper notices of copyright pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 401 on
16 each respective album cover of each of the sound recordings identified in Exhibit A. These notices
17 of copyright appeared on published copies of each of the sound recordings identified in Exhibit A.
18 These published copies were widely available, and each of the published copies of the sound
19 recordings identified in Exhibit A was accessible by Defendant.

20 17. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the foregoing acts of infringement have been
21 willful and intentional, in disregard of and indifference to the rights of Plaintiffs.

22 18. As a result of Defendant's infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and exclusive rights
23 under copyright, Plaintiffs are entitled to statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c) for
24 Defendant's infringement of each of the Copyrighted Recordings. Plaintiffs further are entitled to
25 their attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

26 19. The conduct of Defendant is causing and, unless enjoined and restrained by this
27 Court, will continue to cause Plaintiffs great and irreparable injury that cannot fully be compensated
28 or measured in money. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 502

1 and 503, Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from further infringing
2 Plaintiffs' copyrights, and ordering Defendant to destroy all copies of sound recordings made in
3 violation of Plaintiffs' exclusive rights.

4 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:

5 1. For an injunction providing:

6 "Defendant shall be and hereby is enjoined from directly or indirectly
7 infringing Plaintiffs' rights under federal or state law in the
8 Copyrighted Recordings and any sound recording, whether now in
9 existence or later created, that is owned or controlled by Plaintiffs (or
10 any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate record label of Plaintiffs)
11 ("Plaintiffs' Recordings"), including without limitation by using the
12 Internet or any online media distribution system to reproduce (i.e.,
13 download) any of Plaintiffs' Recordings, to distribute (i.e., upload) any
14 of Plaintiffs' Recordings, or to make any of Plaintiffs' Recordings
15 available for distribution to the public, except pursuant to a lawful
16 license or with the express authority of Plaintiffs. Defendant also shall
17 destroy all copies of Plaintiffs' Recordings that Defendant has
18 downloaded onto any computer hard drive or server without Plaintiffs'
19 authorization and shall destroy all copies of those downloaded
20 recordings transferred onto any physical medium or device in
21 Defendant's possession, custody, or control."

22 2. For statutory damages for each infringement of each Copyrighted Recording
23 pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504.

24 3. For Plaintiffs' costs in this action.

25 4. For Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees incurred herein.

26 5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

27 Dated: July 1, 2008

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RECORDS INC.

EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT A**MICHELLE VELASQUEZ****IP Address:** 128.120.59.44 2007-04-23 18:44:51 EDT**CASE ID#** 126525432**P2P Network:** Gnutella**Total Audio Files:** 922

<u>Copyright Owner</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Recording Title</u>	<u>Album Title</u>	<u>SR#</u>
SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT	Incubus	Pardon Me	Make Yourself	278-818
Warner Bros. Records Inc.	Madonna	Like a Virgin	Like a Virgin	59-442
SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT	Lauryn Hill	Doo Wop (That Thing)	The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill	254-183
SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT	Dixie Chicks	I Can Love You Better	Wide Open Spaces	252-000
SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT	Celine Dion	When I Fall in Love	The Colour Of My Love	191-558
Interscope Records	No Doubt	Running	Rock Steady	305-872
UMG Recordings, Inc.	Aerosmith	Cryin'	Get A Grip	153-061